Rev. K. Arvine,
Woonsocket Sept. 17. 1845.

Woonsocket, R.I. Sept. 27th 1845.

Rev. Amos A. Phelps;

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Dear Sir;

Allow me to trouble you for a little information. I am preparing for the press a kind of Cyclopedia of Religious Anecdotes, (regularly classified and arranged, with copious indexes,) for the use of Ministers, Sabbath School Superintendents, Teachers, Parents, &c. I think I have understood that you have all the back numbers of the N. York Evangelist, bound in volumes. Is this the fact? If so, would you loan them to me to assist me in preparing my work? I will see that the volumes are well used and safely returned. If you have not a set of the E. can you tell me who has, aside from the publishers? You may know of some minister or deacon of your denomination who has preserved them from the beginning, or of some public library which contains them. Can you tell me where I can obtain, in the same way, a set complete or in part, of the N. York Observer? If you know of persons who have either of these journals for 2, 3 years, or more, who would sell them without asking an enormous price, please inform me. I should prefer to use the scissors in cutting rather than the pen in copying, of course. Have you any suggestions to make in reference to my proposed work? If so they would be thankfully recieved. You may perhaps know of works from which I might draw very valuable materials for my purpose ~~work~~; works which are rare, and of which I have not heard myself; and should you specify, you would oblige me much.

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Any assistance that your time or inclination may lead you to render in the preparation of this (work), shall be well ~~thankfully~~ rewarded.
Excuse these freedoms in one who, (though unknown to yourself) is quite well acquainted with you as a public man; and has a high degree of confidence in your practical matter-of-fact character. Yours Sincerely

Rev. K. Arvine.